

## Newsletter May. 2008



**May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**-a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

A rather broad term, **Asian/Pacific encompasses:**

- **all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia** (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands),
- **Micronesia** (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and
- **Polynesia** (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).



Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In **June 1977**, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week. The following month,

senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. **In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.** The month of May was chosen to commemorate the **immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843**, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.





**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in American nation's service.** There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

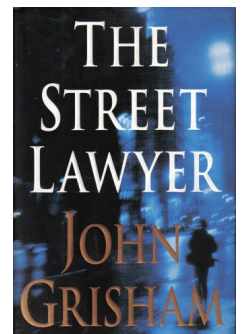
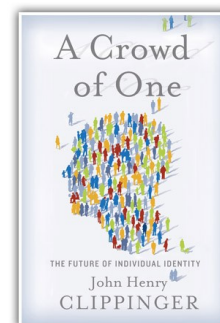
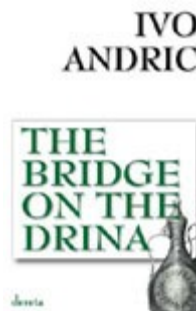
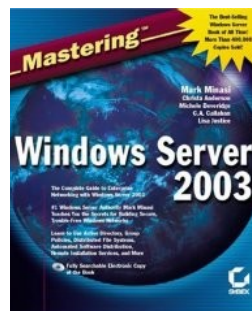
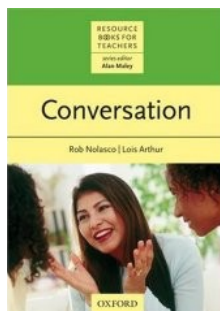
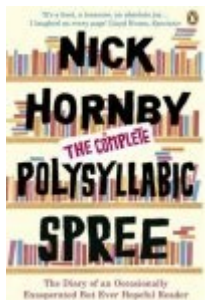
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<http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>

# New books at the American Corner Skopje

- Strong Medicine- Arthur Hailey
- H.M.S. Unseen- Patrick Robinson
- To The Hilt - Dick Francis
- Comeback - Dick Francis
- High Stakes - Dick Francis
- Banker - Dick Francis
- Proof - Dick Francis
- Risk - Dick Francis
- 10 LB. Penalty-Dick Francis
- Field of Thirteen-Dick Francis
- Wild Horses-Dick Francis
- Dress Gray- Lucian K. Truscott IV
- Men in Blue- W.E.B. Griffin
- The Street Lawyer- John Grisham
- The Victim- W.E.B. Griffin
- The Turn-coat- Jack Lynn
- Conversation - Resource Books for Teachers; Rob Nolasco & Lois Arthur
- A crowd of One - The future of Individual Identity; John Henry Clippinger
- Technology and Language testing - Teachers of English to speakers of Other Languages - Charles W. Stansfield
- Current Trends in English Language Testing- Conference Proceedings for CTELT 1997 and 1998, vol.1 - Christine A. Combe
- ILTA Language Testing Bibliography 1990-1999; Jay Banarjee
- Mastering Windows Server 2003 with CD - Mark Minasi
- Microsoft QuickBASIC: And Introduction to Structured Programming;David I. Schneider
- SAMS Teach Yourself Visual Basic 6 in 21 Days - Greg Perry
- Cool Edit Pro 2 - In Use; Roman Petelin
- Using Microsoft Word 97 - third edition; Jane Calabria
- The Windows 98 Bible; Fred Davis, Kip Crosby
- QBASIC By Example - The Easiest Way to Learn How to Program!; Greg Perry
- the official guide to AUTHORWARE 4 - the comprehensive reference from the multimedia labs of Macromedia; Nick Roberts
- Photoshop 5.5 ; Ken Milburn
- The Revolutionary Guide to QBASIC - Power Programming from the Basic Experts
- Macromedia AUTHORWARE 4 Authorized - Hand-on Training. The complete curriculum taught at Macromedia's Authorized Training Centers; Macromedia press
- Using Visual Basic 6; Bob Reselman
- The Bridge on the Drina - Ivo Andrić
- The Polysyllabic Spree - Nick Hornby
- Double Cross - Janes Patterson





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Please note that the American Corner Skopje will be closed on:

- **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, due to **presentation in the City Library Goce Delcev in Stip**;
- **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, due to the Macedonian holiday **Saint Cyril and Methodius**;
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>**, due to the American holiday **Memorial Day**

We will be also closed shortly during **TOEFL** testing on **May 9<sup>th</sup>; 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00-16:30**.

*We wish you a wonderful month!*

*American Corner Skopje*

